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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2007.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.  
    4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 24 October 2003 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date . . .

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_ .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6)  Other: . . .

**Objection to the specification:**

1. Figures should be designated with numerical labels, i.e., figure 1, etc. Appropriate corrections in the specification and the drawings are required.

**Art Rejections:**

2. The text of 35 USC 103(a) not cited here can be found in the previous office action.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langfahl, U.S. pat. No. 6,031,528.

Per claims 1-2 and 12, Langfahl discloses a method of adapting a user interface on a display of a network protocol tester having a visual network plan which is used for the configuration of the telecommunication task by a user (see col 2, lines 29-45). The method comprises the step of allowing the user to make selection via the user interface to define and/or change/modify the testing visual network plan on the display device according to hardware and/or software existed in the system (see col 3, lines 15-36).

Langfahl does not explicitly teach defining or modifying the testing network plan in comparison to the basic network plan. It is however noted that the basic network plan comprises

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all existing network elements (see col 3, lines 57-64). It is also noted that some or all of those existing network elements would be selected by the user to define a specific testing network plan (see col 3, lines 38-41).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to recognize that the user-defined testing plan would have been made either by adding network elements (to an initially emptied map) or by removing network elements from the basic plan (with all elements selected).

Per claims 3-11, Langfahl teaches storing data files associated with each network elements in a database where they would be used/accessed by the network protocol tester (see col 3, lines 57-64). Langfahl does not explicitly teach that some of data files being text files.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to recognize that some data associated with the network element such as description of a router or server would have been in text data because it would have enabled the user to review the element.

Per claims 13-16, Langfahl also teaches using highlights or other visual indicators to indicate status of a link, e.g., selected link (see col 3, lines 2-14).

**Response to Arguments:**

4. Applicant arguments filed August 9, 2007 are deemed moot in view of new ground of rejection set forth above.

**Conclusion:**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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